

William Savin Fulton to Andrew Jackson, January 26, 1839, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Georgetown, January 26, 1839.

. . . . I do not think that Mr. Adams would ever have permitted himself to be made an instrument of, in such a transaction, ¹ if his mind had not been previously deranged on the subject of abolition. He had worked himself into the belief that every southern man, was ready to devote himself in all ways, right or wrong, to the acquisition of Texas as a part of our Republic, and with an eye singly to the extension of the number of slave states. Under this conviction, he was ready to look at all your acts as chief Magistrate, in relation to that subject, with an unr[e]asonably prejudiced eye. He did not believe that you had ever sent the letter, (tile copy of which Mayo presented him,) to me. He supposed it was all a cheat, and in that way, he was betrayed into the use of it. He will not even now, believe my statement, that I wrote you such letters, as I have stated to the public. If he would believe me, when I have said, that I informed you that there was no grounds for the suspicion entertained, in relation to the designs of Genl. Houston, how can he afterwards blame

¹ See vol. IV., P. 212 n., and vol. V., pp. 531, 540, 556, 558, 559, 563.

class=MsoNormal>0027 3 you, for treating the information you had received from Mayo, as not having any foundation to rest upon? If you believed me, you would have done wrong clearly to have pressed the matter further than you did. . . .